



Minutes of Meeting 19th July 2011

Present: Cllr. Mr. M. Tetley (Acting Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. C. Lomax, Cllr. Mrs. P. Watson, Cllr. Mr. J. Metcalfe, Cllr. Mr. D. Johnston, Co. Cllr. Mrs. S. Derwent, Boro' Cllr. Mr. J. Starkie, Mrs. P. McBurney (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. B. Ingham, Cllr. Mr. R. Gadd, Cllr. Mr. D. Forrest,

Members of public in attendance: One

3188: Police Report and Public Questions

- PCSO Owen reported the theft of topstones from the Parsonage.
- A member of the public wanted to establish the status of the road leading to Kiln Hill and asked if he needed permission to improve the surface by putting stones down. He was informed that, as the road is unadopted, no permission was needed
- The wall at the side of the Village Hall was reported by a member of the public to be in a very poor state. This will be an item on the next agenda

3189: Declaration of Councillors Interests/Code of Conduct

Interests were declared in 11 Sabden Rd (Cllrs. Johnston and Tetley) and 104 Higham Hall Rd (Cllr. Lomax)

3190: Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr. Watson proposed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct. This was seconded by Cllr. Lomax and agreed.

3191: Matters arising (for information only).

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3192: Finance

Cllr. Tetley itemised the cheques and these were signed.

3193: Clover Croft Development

- Work is still progressing well. There are several "reserved" signs on the new block.
- Boro' Cllr Starkie reported that the building plans have been checked and the construction areas are accurate. The scaffolding will remain in place until the wall on the roadside is completed.
- Cllr Watson said that there were still some complaints about the appearance of the new block

3194: Planning Applications and Decisions

- 11 Sabden Rd. Cllrs. Johnston and Tetley left the room whilst the application was discussed. Plans were viewed and there were no objections.
- 104 Higham Hall Rd: Non compliance. Cllr. Lomax left the room whilst the subject was discussed. There was a site visit to view the structure. A formal complaint is to be sent to Kieron Howarth at Pendle Borough Council Planning Department.

3195: Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was distributed before the meeting.

3196: County Councillor's Report

- 20mph speed restrictions: Co. Cllr. Derwent commented on the press report that Higham and Fence would be in the 3rd phase instead of the first as she has recommended. She will raise the subject again at County level.
- Colne Re-Cycling Centre: Co. Cllr. Derwent is to object to the closure on the grounds that it may result in an increase in fly-tipping. However, she explained the benefits of the new site in Burnley.

3197: Borough Councillor's Report

Boro' Cllr. Starkie has accompanied bin collections in the area.

3198: Committee/ Working Group Reports

At the recent Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting, a grant of £2500 was agreed towards the new bus shelter and boundary signs.

3199: Haddings Lane Property

Boro' Cllr. Starkie reported some difficulties faced with the removal of the fence. However, S215 may be enforced with regard to the clean-up. Kieron Howarth from Pendle Council is involved and the item is to remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

3200: Sabden Rd Car Park

- Further improvements to the car park will be commencing soon.
- Pendle Council appear to have stopped cutting the grass by the form at the entrance to the car park. Co. Cllr. Derwent will check this. The Lengthsman may be asked to cut the grass here

3201: The Playground – Report on Monthly Inspection

- There was no report on the playground this month
- ROSPA will do there annual check in August

3202: Parish Matters

- 34 Sabden Rd: A letter has been prepared and approved. It will be delivered to the resident.
- Dog fouling: Two residents have been spoken to by members of the council for allowing their dogs to foul the grass verge and playing field.
- 'The Spout' newspaper. The next edition has gone to print and will be delivered before the end of the month. Boro 'Cllr Starkie showed the draft copy on his iPad.
- Boundary Signs: These are on order.
- Bench on the Playground: The bench is now in place and will be secured within the next few days.
- The SPID: This has been passed to Fence. Cllr. Forrest's contact will examine a position on Higham Hall Rd where the SPID could be placed.
- Garage on the Playing Fields: Some items remain in the garage. Cllrs. Tetley and Metcalfe to demolish the garage as soon as possible.
- The garage on Sabden Road: Cllr. Metcalfe has spoken to the owner who has agreed to allow it to be cleaned up. There will be some cost to the Parish Council for materials.
- Over 60's Christmas Party: The date of Tuesday 6th December has been agreed. Cllr. Watson will book the Village Hall, Entertainer and Caterer.

3203: Parish Lengthsman Scheme

- Croft Lane grass verges need cutting.
- An overhanging tree on Acresbrook / Barkerfield needs to be cut back.
- Overhanging trees on the public footpath between the playing fields and Acresbrook need cutting back.

3204: Correspondence

No additional correspondence

3205: Items for Future Discussion

- Hedges on Higham Hall Rd.
- Storage shed on the playground.
- Wall on Kiln Hill.

3206: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 16th August 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.